

Pappas Telecasting Companies' 'donation' of \$325,000 in airtime to Republican candidates in certain areas is an example of a powerful media group abusing its privileged access to the public airwaves.

During election season, local audiences should be offered genuine debate -- not disingenuous offers to "purchase" an equal amount of response time. As a registered voter, I am shocked and appalled at such a violation of the concept of "public interest,"

Pappas uses the public airwaves free of charge and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. Pappas' actions are legally questionable and cast doubt on whether Pappas truly intends to serve the public interest. Their actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. Their actions demonstrate that the license renewal process needs to be more stringent than at present. Thank you.